

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

In re Patent Application of: Mears et al

Application No.: 09/914944

PCT No.: PCT/GB00/00768

Filed: September 5, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2874

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

---

For: IMPROVEMENTS IN AND RELATING TO  
GRATINGS

---

DECLARATION

Commissioner for Patents  
Office of PCT Legal Administration  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Wolfgang E. Stutius declares as follows:

1. That I am a Patent Agent with the firm of Ropes & Gray LLP;
2. That I am registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
3. That I have thoroughly searched the file jacket for the above-referenced application which was transferred to Ropes & Gray LLP from the firm of Pitney, Hardin, Kipp & Szuch LLP on or about March 7, 2002; and
4. That I have not found a Notice of Missing Requirements for the above-referenced application in the file.

Dated: November 25, 2003

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Wolfgang E. Stutius

Registration No.: 40,256

ROPES &amp; GRAY LLP

One International Place

Boston, Massachusetts 02110-2624

(617) 951-7000

(617) 951-7050 (Fax)

Attorneys/Agents For Applicant